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RED SNAPPER RECREATIONAL FISHERY IN GULF OF MEXICO FEDERAL WATERS WILL OPEN AT 12:01 A.M., LOCAL TIME, APRIL 21, 2005, AND CLOSE AT 12:00 MIDNIGHT, LOCAL TIME, OCTOBER 31, 2005

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the recreational fishery for red snapper in Gulf of Mexico federal waters will open at 12:01 a.m., local time, April 21, 2005, with a 16-inch minimum size limit and a four-fish bag limit that includes captain and crew of for-hire vessels. The fishery will close at 12:00 midnight, local time, October 31, 2005, when the recreational quota of 4.47 million pounds is projected to be caught.

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supporting coastal communities that depend upon them, and helping to provide safe and healthy seafood to customers and recreational opportunities for the American public.

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